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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

R. Kothuri et al.

Application No.: --

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Title: QUERY PRUNING USING INTERIOR RECTANGLES IN AN R-TREE INDEX

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identification as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Page 10, Paragraph 1:

Figs. 11a, [Fig. 11b, 11a and 11b] 11b, 12a, and 12b represent graphs that illustrate relationships between response time and query radius; and

Figs. 11a, 11b, 12a and 12b represent graphs that illustrate relationships between response time and query radius; and

Page 10, Paragraph 2:

Figs. [12a, 12b, 13a, and 13b] 13a, 13b, 14a, and 14b represent graphs that illustrate relationships between total query time ad tiling level.

Figs. 13a, 13b, 14a, and 14b represent graphs that illustrate relationships between total query time ad tiling level.